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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Raaijmakers et al.

) Group Art Unit: 2812

Appl. No. : 09/658,784

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2001, the Applicant elects Group 1
(i.e., Claims 1-22 and 57-65).

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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